GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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DROUGHT PRONE AREA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the drought prone area in the country, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of funds made by the Government to these States during 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 and the current year; and

(c) the amount spent by each State out of the allocation, year-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA):

(a) A statement showing State-wise drought prone areas identified by a High Level Technical Committee in 1994 under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is enclosed as Statement-I.

(b) and (c) Under DPAP specific allocation of funds to the programme States is not made. Ministry of Rural Development, sanctions new projects, each of 500 hectares, as per the Guidelines of Watershed Development and funds are released to ZPs/DRDAs in instalments over the project period of five years. The first instalment of central funds is released with the sanction of new projects. The programme being demand driven, subsequent instalments are released on receipt of specific proposals from the State Government/ZP/DRDA alongwith Utilisation certificate, Audited Statement of Accounts etc. Details of funds released to programme States during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given in enclosed Statement-II. For monitoring the utilization of funds by ZP/DRDA while releasing the next instalment, it is ensured that ZP/DRDA utilizes more than 50% of funds released to it earlier.